I	2	3	4	5
II.	Kerala**	-5.98	-9.70	1429
12.	Madhya Pradesh	27.01	5730	77.00
13.	Maharashtra	18.75	41,45	59.04
14.	Manipur	22.22	47.82	5452
IS.	Meghalaya	56.96	7723	8559
16.	Mizoram	60.56	62.66	6858
17	Nagaland	63.07	40.75	6536
18,	Orissa	42.82	64.75	7459
19.	Punjab	18.53	37.44	38.84
20.	Rajaslhan	6534	60.93	81.08
21.	SiMdm	58.03	47.88	84.83
2Z	Tamil Nadu	31.72	32.41	58.89
23.	Tripura	50.08	67.11	7955
24.	Ullar Pradesh	62.11	68.54	73.17
25.	West Bengal	56.95	70.17	86.14
26-	A & N Islands	3.64	30.90	4826
27.	Chandigarh**	-10-89	236	209
28-	D&N Haveli	40.51	62.59	74.17
29	Daman & Diu	5.97	24.86	3654
3().	Delhi	37.69	52.44	70.16
31.	Lakshadweep	1.23	1636	49,51
32	Pondichcrry**	4.10	2.01	32.66
	IMMA	41.90	57.9S	71.51

* Provisional data

** Drop-oui rales are negative due to migration/new entrants in intermediate classes.

Note: The method used to calculate gross Dropout rates in known as Apparent Cohort Method which does take into account the repeaters.

Professional Courses by Foreign Universities

†1130.SHRI KAPILSIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Western International University of USA has set up its campus In Delhi, wherein a number of professional courses have beeen introduced;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that huge amount of fee is charged from students by the said Institution;

†Orignal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the fees prescribed for different courses, course-wise; **and**

(e) whether these courses have been accorded official recognition in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) According to a news-item appearing in some sections of the press, **the** Western International University of USA has **recently** set up a campus in Delhi.

(b) to (e) Relevant information is being collected.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gujarat

1131. SHRI BACHANi LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open more Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal to open more Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gujarat due to budgetary constraints.

Illiterates in Backward Districts

1132. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of literates in backward districts of the country;

(b) whether Government have any plans to improve this percentage; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMAj: (a) As per Census 2001 Report, the literacy rate for all persons in India is 65.38%. The percentage of literates in all such districts, where the literacy rate is below the national average, is 54.7%.